

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. Claims 7 and 9 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Barnes et al. (U.S. Patent 6,711,147).

Claim 1 recites that a second FA transmits to a first FA a Binding Update message that includes an IP address of the second FA, and the first FA transmits to the second FA a Binding Acknowledge message that includes information related to the IP tunneling capability of the router, so as to establish IP tunneling between the second FA and the router in the case of transferring a call from the first FA to the second FA as described in page 5, lines 18 to page 7, line 9, and Figure 2.

Barnes et al. discloses in col. 9, line 64 to col. 11, line 35 and Figure 4, that a GSN/FA 284 transmits a modified Binding Update request message 304 to an FA 272, and the FA 272 transmits an Acknowledge message 306 to the Binding Update request message to the GSN/FA in the case where a Mobile Node (MN) 12 moves from a location D (Internet FA 272) to location F (GSN/FA 284) as shown in Fig. 5a. Further, the reference discloses that the FA 272 transmits the modified Binding Update request message 354 to GSN/FA 284, and the GSN/FA 284 transmits the Acknowledge message 356 to the Binding Update request message to the FA 272 in the case where the MN moves from the GSN/FA (location F) 284 to Internet FA (location D) 272 as shown in Fig. 5b.

Claim 1 recites that the Binding Acknowledge message includes information related to the IP tunneling capability of the router of the core network communicating with the MN so as to establish the IP tunneling between the second FA and the router.

On the contrary, Barnes et al. discloses that the Binding Acknowledge message 306 merely includes a request indicator and context, but fails to disclose that the Binding Acknowledge message includes information related to the IP tunneling capability as shown in col. 10, lines 3 to 8, and lines 38 to 41. In addition Barnes et al. just mentions IP tunnel 280 established between a mobile network (location D) and a GSN network (location F).

Accordingly, the feature of the information of the IP tunneling capability of the first FA connected to the router, which is described in Claim 1 of the present application, is not disclosed by Barnes et al. The Binding Acknowledge message recited in the claims of the present

application establishes an IP tunnel between a second FA and the router, and accordingly, the present invention is distinguishable from the cited reference.

Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Regarding Claims 6 and 8, the source and target FAs also transmit and receive the Binding Update message and the Binding Acknowledge message as described above with regards to Claim 1. Based on at least the arguments as outlined above with regards to Claim 1, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 6 and 8 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 6 and 8 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-5, 7 and 9, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-9, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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